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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2002.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/120,204.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. The specification is objected to because the related application 09/120,204 has already matured into a patent, therefore after "filed 7/22/1998" (in the specification, page 1, line 2) should be added: --, now US Patent No. 6,449,838, issued September 17, 2002--.

Specification

2. The abstract of the disclosure should be revised to reflect the claimed method invention. Also, the abstract should be in a single paragraph and in a range of 50-150 words. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. The following title is suggested: "Method of mounting a semiconductor substrate to a substrate", or the like.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 16-19 are objected to because of the following informalities:
The term: "purity" (claim 16, line 2) should be changed to: -- plurality--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The following are examples:

The scope of claims 16-19 is not clear because the preamble of claims is directed to a mounting method and the method step does not clearly recite that the semiconductor substrate being mounted to the substrate. Therefore, claims are incomplete because there is no semiconductor substrate being mounted to the substrate as required by the method set forth in the present invention claims.

Further, the phrase: "which is" (recited in claim 16, line 2) is not clear as to which one of the substrate applicant is being referred to "semiconductor substrate or the associated substrate". Please clarify.

The phrases: "a substrate is formed by a laminate structure" (claim 16, lines 2-3); "a mounting pad is formed" (claim 16, line 4), etc., are not positive method limitations.

It is also suggest that in prior to the "opposing. . .", and "pressing . . ." steps, the use of providing "the substrate having mounting pads . . . and attaching the projecting electrodes of the semiconductor substrate to the mounting pads of the substrate, etc., in order to clarify the claimed subject matter of the invention.

Regarding claims 16-19. It is noted that no art rejections have been applied to these claims, since there are a great deal of confusion an uncertainty as to the proper interpretation of the limitations of the above claims. Therefore, it would not be proper to reject such claims on the basis of prior art. See MPEP 2173.06.

Prior Art References

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Prior art references are cited for their teaching of method of mounting semiconductor device on a substrate.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Trinh whose telephone number is (703) 305-2887. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (703) 308-1789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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